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**Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.**

FV-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: September 17, 2008

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 080

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Monday, September 22, 2008**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 29, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

<b>Dried Fruit and Nut Mix</b>	<b>5/5 lb.</b>	<b>29,120 cases</b>
<b>Dried Fruit and Nut Mix</b>	<b>24/1 lb.</b>	<b>8,736 cases</b>

**No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.**

**Ingredients composed of the following combination in equal portions – 20 percent of each product: Dried date pieces (chopped/extruded), dried almonds, dried fig pieces, dried cherries, and Natural (sun-dried) seedless raisins (must be coated with vegetable oil).**

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (\*\*). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

**Destinations with split shipments that are unspecified on the invitation are indicated by a single asterisk (\*).**



Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

**Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract.** Inquiries about Announcement FV-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 2004 or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-307, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307  
 INVITATION : 080  
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED  
 COMM TYPE : 60 FRUIT AND NUT MIX, DRIED  
 PACK SIZE : 10 5/5 LB

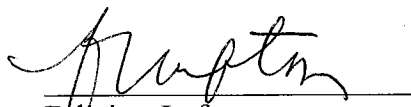
ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/09 - 01/15/09					
001	CHICOPEE	MA	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	TAUNTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
002	WILMINGTON	MA		1,092	_____
	WORCESTER	MA		364	_____
003	PORT NEWARK	NJ		1,456	_____
004	VINELAND	NJ		1,456	_____
005	ALCOA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
006	CLEVELAND	OH	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
	COLUMBUS	OH	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
	DAYTON	OH		728	_____
007	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,092	_____
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
008	CORDELIA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
009	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/09 - 01/31/09					
010	AUBURN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____ **
	CHEEKTOWAGA	NY	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	HOLLEY	NY		364	_____
011	HALFMOON	NY	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____ **
	MARCY	NY	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
	MILTON	NY	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/09 - 01/31/09					
012	BRENTWOOD	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,092	_____ **
	NEWARK	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
013	COOKEVILLE	TN	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/09 - 02/15/09					
014	BATESVILLE	MS	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
015	GRANITE CITY	IL		1,456	_____
016	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,092	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/09 - 02/28/09					
017	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	956	_____
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	500	_____
018	COOKEVILLE	TN	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/01/09 - 03/15/09					
019	CORDELIA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/09 - 06/30/09					
020	GRANITE CITY	IL		1,456	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/09 - 01/15/09					
021	GRAND RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/09 - 01/31/09					
022	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	364	
	GARDEN GROVE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	364	
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	728	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/09 - 02/15/09					
023	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/09 - 02/28/09					
024	COAL TOWNSHIP	PA	TRUCK ONLY	728	
	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	728	
025	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	1,092	
	WILKES-BARRE	PA	TRUCK ONLY	364	
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/01/09 - 04/15/09					
026	NEWPORT	MN		1,456	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				37,856	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				37,856	



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